



Going for Gold

Here are the top ten nations in the table of medal winners for the 2016 Olympic Games:

Position	Flag	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1		United States	46	37	38	121
2		Great Britain	27	23	17	67
3		China	26	18	26	70
4		Russia	19	17	20	56
5		Germany	17	10	15	42
6		Japan	12	8	21	41
7		France	10	18	14	42
8		South Korea	9	3	9	21
9		Italy	8	12	8	28
10		Australia	8	11	10	29

Is your own nation in the list? If not, find out where your nation ranked and compare it with the nations in this table.

How do you think the positions have been decided?

Could the positions be decided in a different way? How would this affect other results in the table?

What do you think the best way of deciding the positions would be? Why?